

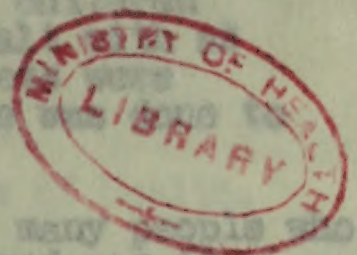
SMALLEBURGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1939



- I should like to express my thanks to the many people who gave their help so freely when the evacuees arrived, as it is due to them that the billeting arrangements worked so well.
1. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this interim report is presented in place of the customary Annual Report for 1939; a full Annual Report has actually been prepared (except for vital statistics, which are not yet available) and will be preserved in order that continuity of records may be maintained. After the war it is intended to publish a complete report covering the period from 1939 to the end of hostilities.
 2. WATER SUPPLIES. Hoveton. The Local Authority has reached an agreement with the City of Norwich for a piped supply from the Norwich mains, and these mains have now been laid.
Stalham. The Local Water Scheme for this Parish is now in operation, and has been well received by the inhabitants. The Analyst's reports state that this is an excellent supply.
 3. OVERCROWDING. It is with regret that I have to report that overcrowding under the Act has taken place during the past year. The District received a number of children and adults under the Evacuation Scheme, and this caused a certain amount of overcrowding. Frequent inspections have been made to ensure the maintenance of a reasonable standard, and the position is now much easier.
 4. EVACUATION. This being a reception area, a number of children, mothers, teachers and helpers were received in September, as follows:-

Children	Mothers and children	Teachers	Helpers
1113	138	88	35

At the end of the year the position was as follows:

Children	Mothers and children	Teachers	Helpers
756	44	69	13

In general the Scheme worked well, although had it been possible for the teachers who knew the children, to visit the billets before the evacuation took place, many difficulties would not have arisen, and children would have been billeted in the houses suitable for them.



The following is a list of the books in the collection of the
Library of the University of California, Berkeley, California.
The books are listed in alphabetical order of the author's name.
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However the children have now been sorted out, and they appear to have settled down to their new surroundings.

Several cases have been reported of these children being verminous, and other cases have been reported of children having uncertain habits, and these cases were dealt with as they arose. Blankets, bedding and waterproof sheets were supplied where necessary, and everything possible was done to help the householders.

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Sanitary Inspector

5. DISINFECTION. A total of 79 rooms were disinfected during the year, including 43 cases of verminous rooms mostly attributed to evacuees.

6. INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Notifications were as follows:-

Scarlet fever	16	Diphtheria	6	Puerperal pyrexia	2
Pneumonia	8	Erysipelas	7	Whooping-cough	5

14 cases were admitted to hospital, and no deaths were reported.

Tuberculosis. 26 new cases were reported (10 respiratory, 16 non-respiratory).

7. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION SCHEME. This came into operation in February, and the response has not so far been very encouraging. By the end of the year 46 children had received immunisation; the estimated child-population of the District (under 14) is 3,000. When times are more propitious I hope that the Council will consider affording more publicity to this very important service.

8. A.R.P. CASUALTY SERVICE In July I was obliged to relinquish the post of District First Aid Commandant in consequence of my appointment as Area Medical Officer for the Eastern Area of Norfolk. Mrs F.W. Joy was elected to succeed me, and is to be congratulated on the efficient state of the Casualty Service in the District. There are 24 First Aid Points, and additional First Aid Points supplementary to the County Scheme have been established in 6 other Parishes; your Council has given assistance in equipping the latter. Ambulance Units and First Aid Parties are maintained in Hoveton and Hickling.

9. The work of the Sanitary Inspector has been considerably increased by various Salvage schemes, and the necessity for reporting on War damaged properties. This officer lost the

services of his assistant shortly after the outbreak of War, and although the Council have appointed a lad of 16, at a salary of 15/- weekly, to assist the Inspector, I doubt whether such assistance is altogether adequate.

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